

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 13, 2023

#### Mass Schedule Saturday: 9am, 4pm; Sunday: 8am, 10:30am Mondays through Fridays: 8am

Holy Day Mass Schedule 8am, 7pm

**Confession** Saturdays 3pm-3:45pm

Holy Hour 3pm Saturdays (Church) 2pm Wednesdays (Chapel)

**Rosary** after 8am Mass Mondays –Fridays 8:30am Saturdays

Miraculous Medal Novena after 9am Saturday Mass

**Church Hours** Mondays though Fridays: 8am-2:30pm Saturdays: 9am-5pm; Sundays: 8am-12pm

**Parish Office Hours** Tuesdays -Thursdays: 9am-12pm; 12:30-3pm Closed Mondays and Fridays

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**St. Peter Attempting to Walk on Water** François Boucher (1703–1770) Pubic Domain via Wikimedia Commons

**Outreach Pantry & Thrift Shop** Saturdays 10am-1pm. Contacts: Jody Fleischmann and David Meagher at 516-676-0676 x125

#### **St. Vincent de Paul Society** If you know parishioners in need, please call Jovanna Lemonda at 516-676-0676 x124

# Online Calendar

Our parish online calendar is to the public! Go to our website: www.saintboniface.org

# Liturgy Schedule

#### Saturday, August 12

3pm - 3:45pm Confession 3pm Holy Hour

The bread, wine, candles and sanctuary lamp used in this week's celebrations of the mass were donated in loving memory of **Camille Miritello** by her children and grandchildren.

4pm Mass: Jim Schiller

Sunday, August 13 8am Mass 10:30 am Mass: John Moran, Camille Miritello

Monday, August 14 Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe 8am Mass

Tuesday, August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day) 8am Mass 7pm Mass

#### Wednesday, August 16 8am Mass 2pm Holy Hour in the Chapel

Thursday, August 17 8am Mass

Friday, August 18 8am Mass: Fr. Josef Norys (LIVING)

Saturday, August 19 9am Mass: Dorothy F. Nelson



# Let Us Pray

**For Our Deceased** MaryAnn Lawless, Christopher O'Sullivan

## **For Our Sick**

Fr. Josef, Mary Jo Lilly, Patrick Baca, Eddie Bohm, Alfred Moschetta

Names will remain on the list for six weeks. Please email stbonbulletin@gmail.com or call 516-676-0676 x128 if you would like your listing continued. New requests must be made by an immediate family member.

## **Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound**

If you know someone who is homebound and would like to have someone bring them Holy Communion, please call Jovanna Lemonda at 516-676-0676 x124.

### **For Our Military**

Lieutenant Commander Melissa Buffa, US Navy Captain Nicholas Cavallone USAF Fr. Azubuike Igwegbe, Chaplain, US Army Jake A. Hojnowski, Sailor E-3, US Navy Christian Pace Laderer, MMN3, US Navy First Lieutenant Conor Lynch, US Army Lieutenant Commander Michael R. Ragusa, US Navy Colonel Bryan Schiller, Army Reserve Lieutenant Commander Drew Whitting, US Navy Major Christina Merrick-Wright Major Bradley Wright, US Army.

# Jubilee Corner



Gerry and Clyde Brady Guest Speakers, Centennial Senior Luncheon "A Harvest of Memories" October 1994

# **Events this Week**

#### Sunday, August 13

Monday, August 14 6:30pm Youth Group 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group Zoom

Tuesday, August 15

Wednesday, August 16 7:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting

Thursday, August 17 7pm Knitting Circle 7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

Friday, August 18

Saturday, August 19 10am Third Order Lay Carmelite meeting

## Thank You from the Food Pantry!

Your response to our requests are amazing! We currently need:

Cereal instant potatoes shelf stable milk boxed pasta canned peas



Items may be brought to Sunday Mass or food pantry in the parish center Saturdays from 10am to 1pm.

## **Thrift Shop**

Visit our parish thrift shop in the parish center on Saturday from 10am to 1pm for great bargains from housewares to clothing for the whole family!

## St. Vincent de Paul Society



St. Vincent de Paul Simon François de Tours 1606-71 Public Domain via Wikimedia Commons

In today's Gospel, Jesus stretched out his hand, caught Peter, and said, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Through your donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Vincentians are able to ring faith and hope to our neighbors in need.

We meet at 7:30pm the third Wednesdays of the month in

St. Boniface School. For more information, please call Jovanna Lemonda at 516-676-0676 x124.

# **Ministry Meetings**

#### Third Sundays: Bereavement Support Group

Meets monthly at 3pm in Room 11, first floor of the St. Boniface school building, 12 Main Ave., Sea Cliff. The group is facilitated by two experienced grief counselors, Dr. David Meagher & Linda Rose. No fee PRE-REGISTRATION is required. For details and registration, contact David Meagher at davidmeagher@gmail.com, 516-676-0676 x131 or lrosecsw@hotmail.com.

#### **Mondays: Youth Group**

8th-12th graders are invited to the new Youth Center, Room 10 in the St. Boniface School building, now on Mondays from 6:30pm-8pm. Follow us on instagram username: stbonyg. Join our facebook page 'St. Boniface Martyr Youth Group'. Contact our new Youth Ministers, April and Leo at 516-297-9886 or stbonym@gmail.com.

#### **Mondays: Charismatic Prayer Group**

Zooms weekly at 7:30pm. Praise with us! Call John and Rosemary Murello for details at 516-676-2767.

#### Women of Faith Book Group

Monthly morning and evening meetings in person and via zoom September through June. New members welcome! For more information, please contact Pat at pattomfox@gmail.com.

#### **Thursdays: Knitting Circle**

Meets weekly at 7pm in the parish center. Experienced knitters and beginners welcome. For details call Nancy Furlong at 516-759-5869 or brknit@optonline.net.

#### **Thursdays: Scripture Study**

Zooms weekly from 7:30pm–8:30pm to deepen and share our appreciation of the Word of God. Call John and Rosemary Murello at 516-676-2767 for details.

#### Men's Ministry: Resumes in September

The St. Boniface Men's Ministry is on summer hiatus. Meetings will resume on Thursday September 29th and every last Thursday of the month thereafter. Many thanks to those who have been a part of our gatherings this past year. *Have a safe and peaceful summer!* 

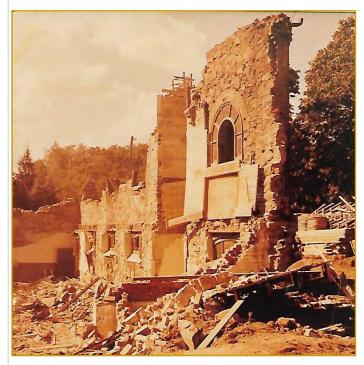
#### Third Saturdays: Third Order Lay Carmelites

Meets monthly 10am-12pm in the parish center. Lay Carmelites of St. Titus Brandsma seek God's will and presence in the ordinary circumstances of life in solidarity with others. Call Flora at 516-656-9375 or Ann Hunt at 516-676-0330 for more information.

## St. Boniface Martyr Parish History

The lovely small church built in 1900 seated just over 300; the school, built in 1928, needed more classrooms; the greater number of classrooms would demand more teachers and, hence, more convent space; and the rectory, which had never been large enough, would in any event be demolished if a larger church were to be built.

With Father Fee's leadership and much work and sacrifice on the part of the St. Boniface lay people, a fund-raising campaign began in 1960. The goal of a quarter-million dollars was quickly oversubscribed. Six additional classrooms were completed within the original school building, an extension providing for thirteen sisters was added to the convent, and an adjacent house was bought and made into a rectory. A new and larger church building was designed and constructed. All of this took until 1964 to complete.



The original Church building being torn down in 1964.

#### Dedication of the new church building, 1964

Finally, on May 3, 1964, the Solemn Dedication of the new edifice took place. The Most Reverend Walter P. Kellenberg, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, presided. The Most Reverend Vincent J. Baldwin, S.T.D., V.G., Auxiliary Bishop of Rockville Centre, who had served as pastor in Sea Cliff (1953-56), preached the homily. There were other familiar faces serving as Officers of the Pontifical Mass that day: Right Reverend Monsignor William J. Gately, Assistant Priest; Very Reverend Monsignor Thomas W. Smiddy and Reverend James F. Bradley, Deacons of Honor; Reverend George F. O'Mara, Deacon; Reverend Joseph F.X. Canning, Subdeacon. The Masters of Ceremonies were the Very Reverend Monsignors Francis J. Williams and John R. McGann.

The souvenir program for the day explained very well the rationale for the new church building, and permitted the architects to describe what they thought they had accomplished:

The new church building we dedicate today replaced the old St. Boniface Martyr Church which stood for more than sixty years on the same site. Much local affection was held for the old church which had become a landmark in town.... Parish growth demanded an enlarged, more up-to-date church. In the demolition of the old church, Father Fee had hoped that something of the original building might be incorporated in the new design. The original church bell atop the front facade of the old church was in excellent condition and would provide auditory as well as visual memories of the former place of worship. To bridge this old and new, the old bell has been placed in a free-standing bell tower, and has been made automatic, with clock and manual controls inside the new church.

The architects described their use of oak (symbolic of St. Boniface's having destroyed the pagans' sacred tree) in the nave and in the church doors, and of the oak leaf and acorn design in the altar rail, votive stands, lectern and speaker grilles. In great detail they describe the eight stained-glass windows in the transepts which depict "historically accurate events from the life of the patron of the parish". The four windows in the nave illustrate the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary and the large entrance window depicts the Coronation of the Blessed Mother as Queen of Heaven and Earth. When the celebration was over it was realized that with the cost of the expansion and of the new buildings and of the purchase of the two adjacent parcels of land, the parish had a \$440,000 debt.

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# St. Boniface Family & Community OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

# Wednesday, August 23 @ 7:30pm



Bring your own chairs, blankets & a picnic! A \$20 donation per family



A \$20 donation per family may be made via Faith Direct or Venmo



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#### Acts of God

There is a legal term for a natural disaster. It is called an "act of God." It is a little unfair to libel God with deeds of destruction. Even so, when the forces of nature reveal their strength, people become aware of their own weaknesses and meditate on the power of God. But when people go in search of God, they rarely go to the place of an earthquake, a fire, or a tornado. They go to a quiet place. They watch the sunrise. They pick a wayside chapel. They sit by the ocean. They find God's majestic voice in whispers of peace.

When Elijah fled the grasp of the angry and murderous Jezebel, he eventually found himself in a cave on the mountain of God, Horeb. There he witnessed God passing by. Not in the strong wind, not in the earthquake, not in the fire did Elijah behold God's presence—but in a tiny whispering sound.

Noise surrounds much of our day. The radio or television breaks the morning silence. Ambient music filters through elevators and grocery stores. Our cars cannot block out the cacophony of traffic. It may not take an act of God for us to be able to find God. It may just take a quiet space.

#### **Relative Faith**

When someone you love is in trouble, you desire their freedom so strongly that you might say, "I would gladly trade places." For example, parents looking at a sick child in a hospital bed would accept the sickness themselves if they could — if only it would free the child they love. Your love for the afflicted is stronger than the force that renders them helpless.

St. Paul felt this way about those not believing in Christ. He says to the Romans, "I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh."

Paul's own kindred had not all joined him in faith. Ironically, Jesus had the same kindred. To the Israelites belonged the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the law, the worship, and the promises. Christ was theirs also, according to the flesh. Paul regretted that his relatives did not all embrace Christ according to the Spirit. He loved these people so much that he was willing to trade places. He loved them more strongly than the forces of unbelief. In our society many people have still not accepted Christ. They do not hear his voice in the Scriptures. They do not experience his love in the community. They do not lift their voices in prayer. They do not join him at table for the Eucharist. The pain we feel renews our conviction to proclaim Christ.

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#### The Solemnity of the Assumption: August 15

The Catholic Church believes that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was assumed body and soul into heaven at the end of her life. We believe in the resurrection of bodies that decay after death; Mary needed no resurrection of the body because hers was preserved from corruption. She was assumed into heaven.



This belief is a counterpart to the Catholic belief

in the Immaculate Conception. To prepare a womb for the coming of the Word Made Flesh, God preserved Mary from all sin from the moment of her conception. Mary did not experience any sin including original sin, which leads to further sin and death. Hence, sinless (immaculate) Mary also did not experience death as other mortals do. She was assumed into heaven.

The Preface for this day was composed after the Second Vatican Council. It includes these ideas about Mary, as well as this idea about the Church: We are a pilgrim people. This image had been enshrined in the council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. The entire Church makes a pilgrimage toward heaven. Mary, who achieved this goal, is a sign of hope and comfort for everyone else along the way. She is the beginning and the image of the Church as it comes to perfection.

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## Monthly Donations

## July

Stewardship - \$38,879 Peter's Pence (DRVC) - \$940

## **Faith Direct**

Signing up for e-giving is easy. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Visit Faith.Direct/NY820.

# Holy Family Corner

This is a space in the vestibule for our young families to come and collect books to bring back to their pews to keep the kiddoes engaged during Mass. You may spend a few minutes here with your child to "cool down", do a coloring page or read a book.

Please do not bring Crayons back into the Church or pews. Your Children should never be left here unattended.

We want you to be comfortable back here, but please remember, voices Carry.

## **Parish Information**

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**Registration:** We welcome new members to our parish family. Please contact the parish office.

Parish Trustees: Donna Calamis, Vincent Agosta

Pastoral Council Members: Vincent Agosta, Kevin Burke, Julie Byrne, Donna Calamis, John Canning, Karen Croce, Jody Fleischmann, Noel Griffin, Kevin Kelly, Maryellen Kerr, Eileen Krieb, Jovanna Lemonda, Rich Lucidi, Robert Lynch, Carolyn Rassiger, Bill Schiller, Jeff Schneider, Jane Serpico, Frank Sujecki, Christine Whited

**Baptism:** Fourth Sunday of the month at 10:30am Mass. Please contact the office to arrange an interview and class. Godparents must have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) and live in harmony with the Catholic Church.

**Matrimony:** Engaged couples are to call the parish office before any other arrangements are made. A minimum of six months is needed.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** Are you or someone you know curious about the Catholic faith? We welcome those who are not baptized, those baptized in another Christian tradition and those baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation to join our inquiry class. Contact Jane Serpico at 676-0676 x130 or stbonRCIA@gmail.com for details.

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